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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Jim:

As a follow on to his State of the Union Address, the President would like for you to travel as soon as possible to appropriate foreign capitals as his personal emissary and meet with senior officials to discuss potential international cooperation on the U.S. Manned Space Station Program. Please use the attached Terms of Reference as a basis for your visits and immediate follow-on actions.

Our objective will be to agree upon a framework for collaboration on this program which could be announced at the London Summit in June 1984. Please work closely with the Department of State during your preparations, during the visits, and in finalizing your results.

The President believes that this program and other space initiatives can be used as a very important instrument of our foreign policy in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Bud

Robert C. McFarlane

Attachment
Terms of Reference

The Honorable James M. Beggs
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE U.S. SPACE STATION PROGRAM

Terms of Reference

- The NASA Administrator, in coordination with the Department of State and other agencies, will propose measures required to implement those portions of the State of the Union Address delivered by the President on January 25, 1984, concerning international cooperation on the U.S. Manned Space Station Program.

- As the President's emissary, the NASA Administrator will meet with senior officials from friendly foreign governments as an initial step in carrying out the President's direction.

- In his discussions with foreign officials, the Administrator should:

  -- Explain NASA's current plans for development of a permanently manned Space Station, with emphasis on expected capabilities, modular design, anticipated availability and relationship with the President's overall civil and commercial space program.

  -- Assess the extent of foreign interest in program participation. The assessment should include the level of overall interest, the expected benefits to be achieved, and the foreign resource contributions that might be forthcoming.

- During discussions with foreign officials, the Administrator should avoid making specific commitments regarding international cooperation until other U.S. Government agencies have had the opportunity to review the implications.

- NASA will then take the lead, with the support of the Department of State, in preparing a report on approaches to international cooperation on the Space Station program. The Department of State, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence and other appropriate U.S. Government agencies will participate in the report's preparation. The report will outline various objectives and approaches for international cooperation, including those related to technology transfer and insuring consistency with overall U.S. foreign policy. The report will be presented to the SIG(Space) members for review and comment.

- This report will be completed by April 2, 1984, and will be presented to the President in order that he may define the framework for international collaboration on the Space Station program which can be formally proposed and agreed upon at the London Summit in June 1984.

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